RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

2016 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2

LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION

PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 5 / _____

Date : 6 May 2016

BOOKLET A

28 Questions
28 Marks
Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.
5. In this booklet, you should have the following:
   a. Page 1 to Page 8
   b. Questions 1 to 28

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1 The helpless motorcyclist _____ for help but none of the passers-by came forward.

(1) appeal
(2) appealed
(3) has appealed
(4) had appealed

2 The doorbell rang while Mrs Lee _____ her clothes.

(1) iron
(2) ironed
(3) is ironing
(4) was ironing

3 Joseph's unkempt appearance is a contrast _____ his intelligent and witty personality.

(1) to
(2) with
(3) from
(4) against

4 All of the club members chose to keep a distance from Alice. They agreed that they intensely dislike that habit of _____.

(1) she
(2) her
(3) hers
(4) herself

5 The students worked hard on their projects but only one of their projects _____ selected.

(1) was
(2) were
(3) has
(4) have

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6 Fatimah turned down the volume of the television _____ her neighbours would complain to the residence committee.

(1) despite
(2) however
(3) moreover
(4) otherwise

7 Patricia, _____ painting was destroyed by mischief, is feeling very upset.

(1) who
(2) whom
(3) which
(4) whose

8 "You _____ ill if you continue working at this rate," the doctor warned his patient.

(1) fall
(2) will fall
(3) shall fall
(4) have fallen

9 The little girl seems to enjoy _____ to school.

(1) go
(2) goes
(3) going
(4) gone

10 The librarian insisted on Peter returning the four library books he _____ before checking out another four books.

(1) borrows
(2) had borrowed
(3) was borrowing
(4) has been borrowed

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For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

11 The domestic helper was ordered to _____ the table for dinner.

(1) lie
(2) lay
(3) laid
(4) lain

12 The hungry tigress _____ the injured zebra quietly before she attacked it.

(1) stalked
(2) pranced
(3) escorted
(4) accompanied

13 Mrs Tan was _____ that her son had escaped the accident with minor injury.

(1) elated
(2) relieved
(3) pleased
(4) overjoyed

14 The general was walking so fast that his troop of soldiers could not _____ with him.

(1) keep to
(2) keep up
(3) keep on
(4) keep out

15 Mother learnt how to _____ the dishes attractively during the cooking classes.

(1) adorn
(2) garnish
(3) beautify
(4) decorate

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

As the world's largest spiders, tarantulas are both feared and beloved. There are more than 850 species of these commonly (16) hairy, nocturnal arachnids. Tarantulas live primarily in the tropical, subtropical and desert areas of the world, with most (17) of them found in South America. Despite their fearsome (18) appearance, tarantulas are not dangerous (19) to humans. Their venom is milder than that of a honeybee, according to National Geographic, and though painful, their bites are not harmful. In fact, tarantulas have become a widely-accepted (20) pet to some around the world. It is known that the females can live up to 30 years while males live for a much shorter time, around seven years.

Adapted from *http://www.livescience.com/39963-*

16 (1) rarely
(2) hardly
(3) usually
(4) frequently

17 (1) some
(2) certain
(3) majority
(4) minority

18 (1) fretful
(2) frightening.
(3) impressive
(4) awe-inspiring

19 (1) violent
(2) ominous
(3) threatening.
(4) aggressive

20 (1) current
(2) popular
(3) selected
(4) standard

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Study the following flyer carefully and then answer the questions 21 to 28.

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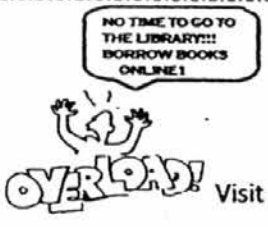
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    - 42" Samsung Flat Screen TV
  - 1 x 2nd prize
    - Apple 6S iPhone
  - 1 x 3rd prize
    - Samsung Note 6
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JOIN the FAMILY TECHFEST FEEDBACK SURVEY DRAW
to win SHOPPING VOUCHERS!

WALK AWAY WITH MORE PRIZES

Rules and regulations:

- **Drop the completed Family Techfest Survey form into the boxes that are available at the front entrance by 7pm on 20 September 2016.**
- **Each family is entitled to only one form. Multiple entries will not be considered.**
- **Winners will be announced at the Survey Feedback Draw held at 8pm on 20 September 2016 at the Family Techfest.**
- **Only original forms will be accepted.**
- **Late entries will not be accepted.**
- **Forms with incomplete details will not be considered.**
- **All winners will be notified by mail by end of September 2016.**
- **The judges' decision is final.**

1st Prize: Shopping Voucher of $100

2nd Prize: Shopping Voucher of $80

3rd Prize: Shopping Voucher of $50

POST A COMMENT on the FAMILY TECHFEST NOTICE BOARD for a free GOODIE BAG!

We find it both fun and convenient to just walk around the Family Techfest going from booth to booth to look at all the available options. Best of all, we feel that we are the ones being catered to and that we are under no pressure from those manning the booths to buy their products!

Mr and Mrs Alfred Tan

I find that vendors at computer fairs have to lower their prices further to attract more buyers. I was very happy to find great bargains for the items I bought at the Techfest! I know I do not have to worry about maintenance for my purchases since the vendors all have established stores or online sites, selling such products!

John,

An IT enthusiast

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

21 The objective of Family Techfest is to _____.

(1) encourage visitors to go to ExpoCity
(2) gather feedback from shoppers visiting ExpoCity
(3) promote the latest IT products from the list of exhibitors.
(4) give visitors a chance to win attractive prizes in the Lucky Draw

22 The Family Techfest is organised by _____.

(1) Apple
(2) Samsung
(3) Microsoft
(4) ExpoCity

23 Why is an exclamation mark used at the end of 'Redeem 1 Lucky Draw Coupon for every $100 spent!'?

(1) It shows an explanation of where the Lucky Draw will be held.
(2) It draws attention to the Lucky Draw prizes being worth more than $100.
(3) It attracts shoppers to spend more for higher chances of winning the Lucky Draw.
(4) It indicates an element of surprise to show that the Lucky Draw prizes are attractive.

24 Which of the following statements is true?

(1) Gifts will be given for every purchase made at the event
(2) The exhibitors at the event are only those named in the flyer.
(3) The event is held for those who would like to win a Lucky Draw prize
(4) There is a wide choice of products selling at the lowest possible prices.

25 Which of the following would Mrs Lim use if she wants to find out more about the event?

(1) www.toggle.sg
(2) www.nlb.gov.sg
(3) www.techfest.com.sg
(4) enquiry@techfest.com.sg

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26 How can an enthusiastic visitor to the Family Techfest let other visitors know what he thinks of the event?

(1) He can fill in the survey form to give his feedback.
(2) He can email his comments to enquiry@techfest.com.sg.
(3) He can write his comments and post it on the notice board provided.
(4) He can write his comments on the form available at the front entrance.

27 A participant in the Family Techfest Feedback Survey Draw will be disqualified if he _____.

(1) drops the survey form into the boxes at the front entrance
(2) uses a photocopy of the original form for his feedback.
(3) drops his entry form by 7pm on 20 September 2016
(4) is not present at the draw

28 The phrase in the flyer that indicates that this is not the first time the event has been held prior to this is '_____'

(1) walk away with more prizes
(2) back by popular demand.
(3) popular exhibitors
(4) free admission

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BOOKLET B

52 Questions
67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:
a. Page 9 to Page 16
b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) above	(D) few	(G) many	(K) some	(N) up
(B) do	(E) from	(H) out	(L) these	(P) when
(C) does	(F) into	(J) so	(M) this	(Q) where

A lizard runs across the hot desert sand. It stops and lifts up its right front foot. It also lifts its left back foot. It holds both feet _____ (29) the hot sand. After a _____ (30) seconds. it switches feet - up goes the left front foot and right back foot.

The lizard looks like it is dancing. However, _____ (31) is how the lizard stays cool. Heat moves _____ (32) the hot sand to the lizard's feet. When the lizard lifts its feet, _____ (33) heat leaves its body. Sometimes, the sand gets _____ (34) hot that the lizard's feet cannot beat the heat. During these instances, the lizard digs into the sand and tunnels to _____ (35) the sand is not hot.

The lizard uses the environment to change its body temperature. When the lizard is cold, it crawls to a sunny spot and soaks _____ (36) the heat. If the lizard gets too hot, it moves _____ (37) of the sun and finds shade. A lizard must not get too hot or too cold. If it _____ (38), it may not survive.

Adapted from National Geographic Explorer May 2013 – Beat the heat

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

(12 marks)

Every first Friday evening of the month, a special group of residents

(39) [ ]

patrol the neighbourhood. They look out for people behaving suspishiously,

(40) [ ]

people who are unruly, as well as those engage in other unsafe practices.

As the Citizens on Patrol (COP) teams go about their patrols, it is clear

(41) [ ]

that other residents welcome their prezense. Every few metres or so, they

(42) [ ]

are greeting by the residents or shopkeepers who stop them for brief chats.

(43) [ ] (44) [ ]

Each team consists by four or five COP members and is accomperneed by

Foreign Worker Ambassadors (FWA) and Police Officers. The ambassadors

(45) [ ]

help to comunikate with the foreign workers since they can speak their

language.

(46) [ ]

Before the COP teams started our patrols in 2011, strangers could often

(47) [ ] (48) [ ]

be seen loyterring around the estate. Some would even get drank and behave

(49) [ ]

in a rowdy manner. That made the residents feared for their own safety,

(50) [ ]

espeshially when they return home late.

Adapted from Pioneer February 2016 – Safer Neighbourhood

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

In Singapore, there is tension between residents who live next to nature reserves and parks, and long-tailed macaques. Residents are not fully prepared to live _____ (51) monkeys, making food available to them through unsecured rubbish dumps. Monkeys are quick to _____ (52) advantage of these resources and many residents are scared by their bold behaviour.

Conflict between monkeys and people _____ (53) common throughout Southeast Asia. This is _____ (54) long-tailed macaques naturally live on forest edges, placing them _____ (55) contact with human communities. In the case of a small island in Thailand, tourists occasionally _____ (56) the monkeys there. There is chaos as the monkeys climb over each other, trying to get a share of the food up for _____ (57). Soon, all the food is gone and the tourists make a hasty retreat, probably leaving with the same impression of monkeys that most people have – as scary food-crazed gremlins. It is _____ (58) the tide recedes and no tourists are around that the most amazing thing happens. The low _____ (59) reveals a buffet of oysters and other shellfish. The monkeys will use stones as hammers to _____ (60) open the seafood. Their behaviour shows that they are _____ (61) to adapt to the changes in their environment

There is much more to long-tailed macaques _____ (62) just the conflict they have with people. _____ (63) we label them as pests, we should remember that their behaviour is often a reflection of how we have behaved _____ (64) them. By feeding them, we have forgotten to respect them _____ (65) wild animals. They are brilliant animals that we do not fully understand yet.

Adapted from Hey Magazine January-February 2015 – My macaque friends

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 My cousins prefer going for a swim. They do not want to watch television.

_____ would rather

_____ .

67 The teacher wanted to see him. He did not submit his homework.

Because _____

_____

68 Pam does not know how to dance. Her sisters do not know how to dance.

Neither _____ .

_____ .

69 The outstanding boy excels in his studies. He also excels in music.

_____ not only

_____

70 Only Maggie managed to collect the whole set of the cards.

Except _____

_____ .

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

When he was a little boy, his uncle called him 'Sparky'. He was named after a comic-strip horse named Spark Plug.

Sparky performed poorly academically. His record in sports was not any better either. Though he did manage to make the school's golf team, he promptly lost the only important match of the season. There was a consolation match which he lost too.

Throughout his youth, Sparky was socially awkward. It was not that the other students disliked him. It was just that no one really cared all that much. In fact, Sparky was astonished if a classmate ever spoke to him outside of school hours. Sparky was a loser. His classmates, even himself, knew it. As a result, he **learnt to live with it**. He made up his mind early that if things were meant to work out, they would. Otherwise he would be contented with what life had in store for him.

However, one thing was important to Sparky – drawing. He was proud of his artwork. No one else appreciated it. That did not matter to him. In his senior year of high school, he submitted some cartoons for the school's yearbook. The editors rejected his concept. Despite that, Sparky was convinced of his ability. He even decided to become an artist.

After completing high school, Sparky wrote in to Walt Disney Studios. They asked for samples of his artwork. In spite of his careful preparation, it too was rejected. That was one more confirmation that he was a loser.

Even with that setback, Sparky still did not give up. Instead, he decided to tell his life story in cartoons. The main character would be a little boy who symbolised the perpetual loser and chronic underachiever. Sparky's cartoon character went on to become a cultural phenomenon of sorts. People readily identified with this 'lovable loser'. He reminded people of the painful and embarrassing moments from their own past, of their pain and their shared humanity. The character - Charlie Brown - soon became famous worldwide. Sparky, the boy whose many failures never stopped him from trying, whose work was rejected repeatedly, is the highly successful cartoonist, Charles Schultz. His cartoon strip, 'Peanuts', continues to inspire books and T-shirts. His story reminds us that life somehow finds a way for all of us, even the losers.

Sparky's story reminds us of a very important principle in life. We all face difficulty and discouragement from time to time. We have a choice in how we handle them. If we are persistent, if we continue to develop the unique talents we have, who knows what can happen. We may end up with an insight and an ability to inspire that comes only through hardship. In the end, there are no 'losers'. Some winners just take longer to develop!

Adapted from http://academictips.org/blogs/the-loser-who-never-gave-up/

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71 What is Sparky's real name? [1m]

72 State two evidences which show that Sparky had thought himself as a loser in school. [2m]

(1) _____

(2) _____

73 How can we tell that Sparky did not have many friends in school? Explain clearly. [2m]

_____

_____

74 Fill in the blanks with words from paragraphs 1 to 3 (lines 1 to 11) that have opposite meanings as the following words. [3m]

slowly	
comfortable	
dissatisfied	

75 In line 9, Sparky 'learnt to live with it'. What does he mean by that? [2m]

_____

_____

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76 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Sparky was named after a comic-strip horse by his father.		
Sparky represented his school in a sports team.		
Charlie Brown is a mirror of Sparky in the cartoon strip, 'Peanuts'.		

77 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ Sparky created the highly successful cartoon strip, 'Peanuts'.

_____ Sparky decided to become an artist.

_____ Sparky submitted cartoons for his school's yearbook.

78 State two major setbacks that Sparky faced in his journey to becoming an artist. [2m]

(1) _____

(2) _____

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79 Explain why 'Charlie Brown' became a worldwide famous character. [2m]

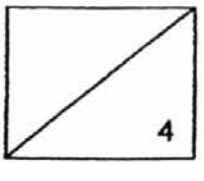
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80 What important principle in life does the story of Sparky remind readers about? [2m]

_____

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Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q9	Q 10
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Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	4	3	4	4	3	2	2		

Q29. A Q30. D Q31.M Q32. E Q33. K Q34. J Q35. Q Q36. N Q37. H Q38. C Q39. Suspiciously

Q40. engaged Q41. preserve Q42. called Q43. of Q44. accompanied Q45. communicate

Q46. their Q47. loitering Q48. drunk Q49. fear Q50. especially Q51. with

Q52. take Q53. is Q54. where Q55. in Q56. feed Q57. themselves

Q58. when Q59. tide Q60. crack Q61. testament Q62. than Q63. before

Q64. towards Q65. as

Q66. My cousins would rather go for a swim than watch television.

Q67. Because he did not submit his homework, the teacher wanted to see him.

Q68. Neither Pam nor her sisters know how to dance.

Q69. The outstanding boy not only excels in studies, he also excels in music.

Q70. Except Maggie, the rest did not manage to collect the whole set of the cards.

Q71. Charles Schultz

Q72. 1) Throughout Sparky's youth, he was socially awkward. No one really cared that much.
2) No one really spoke to him outside after school hours.

Q73. Sparky was astonished if a classmate ever spoke to him. Outside of school hours, no one really cared that much.

Q74. Slowly – early
Comfortable – awkward
Dissatisfied - contented

Q75. He learnt how to deal with being socially awkward and a loser who no one really talks to or really cared about.

Q76. 1. False – He was named after a comic-strip horse by his uncle.
2. True – He made it to the school's golf team.
3. True – His failures never stopped him from trying, whose work was rejected repeatedly, is te highly successful cartoonist.

Q77. 3
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Q78. 1)The editors of his senior year of high school rejected his concept his concept of the cartoon for the school's yearbook.

2) He was rejected by Walt Disney Studios in spite of his careful preparation.

Q79. It reminds others that everyone faces discouragement from tie to time and that some winners just take longer to develop with perseverance and hard work.

Q80. It reminds the reader that everyone faces difficulty and they all have a choice of how to handle. eventually, there are no 'losers'. Its just that some winners take a longer time to develop through hardship and might have the ability to inspire others by continuing to develop the unique talents that they have.

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